

SENATE RESOLUTION 7022 of the First Extraordinary Session

By Stevens

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Kerri Arnold, 2019 Miss Tennessee Volunteer.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should specially recognize those emerging community leaders who strive to improve the quality of life for their fellow citizens while bringing beauty, grace, and purpose to all their endeavors; and

WHEREAS, one such individual is Kerri Arnold, who was recently crowned Miss Tennessee Volunteer, a most befitting honor, as it recognizes her dedication to excellence and her devotion to serving her community; and

WHEREAS, currently in its inaugural year, the Miss Tennessee Volunteer pageant was formed from branching off from the Miss Tennessee pageant late last year; the winner of the Miss Tennessee Volunteer pageant will serve under the auspices of the Governor's Character of Education, receiving a \$25,000 scholarship, among other prizes; and

WHEREAS, a native of Benton County, Kerri Arnold resides in Holladay, where she attends First United Methodist Church; she is a graduate of Camden Central High School; and

WHEREAS, she is currently a junior at the University of Tennessee at Martin, where she majors in interdisciplinary studies; she hopes to pursue a career as a pediatric nurse practitioner; and

WHEREAS, Kerri Arnold claimed the title of Miss Scenic City to advance to the newly formed state-level pageant; and

WHEREAS, during the early rounds of the Miss Tennessee Volunteer pageant, held at the Carl Perkins Civic Center in Jackson, Ms. Arnold stunned the audience in a beautiful green evening gown and with an impressive rendition of Martina McBride's "A Broken Wing"; and

WHEREAS, she handily bested the thirty-five other contestants, advancing into the Top 15, Top 10, and Top 5, before it came down to the final two contestants, with Kailey Jordan being named first runner-up and Ms. Arnold taking the crown; and

WHEREAS, during her year of service as Miss Tennessee Volunteer, Kerri Arnold will embark upon a statewide schools tour, serving as the Governor's official spokesperson for Character Education and promoting The Make-a-Wish Foundation; and

WHEREAS, her many accomplishments are a great source of pride for her parents, Keith and Karren Arnold; and

WHEREAS, as the inaugural winner of Miss Tennessee Volunteer, Ms. Arnold will certainly set an impressive precedent for subsequent victors of the state pageant to follow; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED ELEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we congratulate Kerri Arnold upon being named Miss Tennessee Volunteer, extending our best wishes for her success during her crowned year of service and in all her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.